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SUBJECT: USE OF EXCESS RUPEES ON USG PROJECTS IN
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1. UNDER AGREEMENTS GOVERNING USE OF US RUPEES IN PAKISTAN, WE ARE OBLIGED TO OBTAIN PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT BEFORE USING THE RUPEES IN ANY OTHER COUNTRY OR TO FINANCE EXPORTS FROM PAKISTAN. PAYING A CONTRACTOR LOCATED IN SAUDI ARABIA IN RUPEES FOR WORK PERFORMED IN SAUDI ARABIA WOULD UNFORTUNATELY FALL WITHIN THE CATEGORY REQUIRING GOP CONSENT. GIVEN PAKISTAN'S BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DIFFICULTIES AND THE SENSITIVITY OF THE RUPEE ISSUE, WE RELUCTANTLY CONCLUDE THAT IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO USE US RUPEES FOR THE CONSULATE'S CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

2. IN ADDITION, BUILDING MATERIALS, EXPECIALLY CEMENT, ARE IN VERY SHORT SUPPLY IN PAKISTAN AND THE GOP HAS NOT PERMITTED THEIR EXPORT EVEN FOR DOLLARS IN THE PAST YEAR. WE SEE NO CHANCE THAT THE GOP
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WOULD PERMIT THEIR EXPORT FOR RUPEES, AS ENVISAGED

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